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Assail Helms' Okay Of Jab at Fulbright

Washington, July 28 (UPI)—Richard Helms, New director of the Central Intelligence Agency, came under sharp attack in the Senate today for praising a newspaper editorial that attacked Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.), as crafty.

Helms lauded the editorial in a letter published in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat yesterday. It voiced his pleasure in having read an editorial critical of Fulbright's effort to bring the CIA under surveillance of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The latest explosion in the CIA dispute came with the publishing of the transcript of a secret session July 14 when the Senate voted to send Fulbright's proposal to the Armed Services Committee for expected burial.

Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy (D-Minn.) called attention to Helms' letter. His remarks drew expressions of shock and surprise from fellow senators, including Democratic leader Mike Mansfield.

What Fulbright Said

It prompted Fulbright to say that one of the things he wanted his Foreign Relations Committee to have was a chance to examine whether the CIA "takes part in domestic affairs"—whether, for example, "this agency takes part in the elections of unions."

The Globe-Democrat editorial, titled "Brickbats for Fulbright," said the Senate vote had given Fulbright "his comeuppance."

Vote of Confidence

"The crafty Arkansan had sought to take away some of the jurisdiction of the Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees, whose ranking members have exclusive supervision of CIA," the editorial said. It said the Senate "properly rebuked Sen. Fulbright and gave the CIA a sound vote of confidence."

Under the heading, "CIA Head Pleased," the Globe-Democrat published this letter from Helms:

"I want to let you know of my pleasure in reading the editorial 'Brickbats for Fulbright' in the Globe-Democrat of July 18.

"It reflects so well your paper's



Richard Helms
Feels senators' path

policy of 'printing the news impartially, supporting what it believes to be right and opposing what it believes to be wrong without regard to party politics.'

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